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Prime Minister of Pakistan

Excellency,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

I hope and pray that this finds you in the best of health and good cheer.

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter which is causing deep concern and anxiety in informed circles.

As you know, several years ago a number of people from Arab countries, particularly Egypt, took refuge in Pakistan from political persecution by their governments. Dedicated to the cause of Islam, many among them participated in the Afghan jihad and rendered valuable medical services to the mujahideen.

It is a matter of deep satisfaction that these people enjoyed safety and protection in Pakistan throughout the presidency of Shaheed Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq and are doing the same under your prime ministership.

In addition to the persecuted who took refuge in Pakistan, many escaped to the West for the same reason. They were given asylum as political refugees and are living in safety and security in America and Western Europe. Having been given the status of political refugees, they have no apprehension whatsoever about being forced to return to their countries to once again face the persecution to escape which they sought refuge in foreign lands.

I am confident that likewise our Muslim brothers who went to Pakistan will continue to enjoy the security and protection of your government and that they will not be obliged to return to their countries under any circumstance. Such a stand would greatly enhance the prestige and image of your government.

May Allah bless and reward you. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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